

Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.) Agricultural Marketing Service Poultry Market News & Analysis Branch

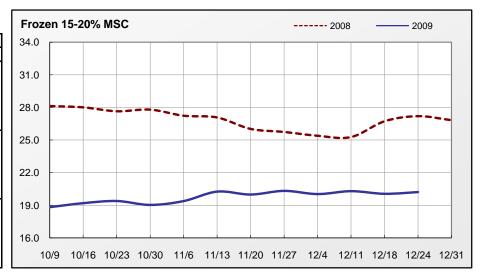
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The trade sentiment on all fat contents was steady going into the Christmas holiday. Supplies of fresh and frozen 15-20% ranged light to adequate with the balance of fat contents at least adequate. Supplies of raw materials were adequate to available. Much of the industry seems well prepared for the holiday festivities as many buyers take all or fewer loads of contracted product; many packers were selling and rendering more frames and producing less MSC with reduced processing schedules. Contract negotiations are generally done for 2010 with industry taking a more conservative attitude towards the spot marketplace wiath more packers opting to contract a larger percentage of their production versus 2009. Pricing was between that of normal years and recent highs of 2009. Export and domestic demand was seasonally light. Schedules were reduced with many taking down time for the holidays and some scheduling maintenance. Frame values were steady ranging 6-9 cents FOB, mostly 7-8 cents FOB.

Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	24-Dec-09	Last Week	Last Year	24-Dec-09	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	18.00 - 19.00	18.00 - 19.00	25.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	18.60	18.50	25.65
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	82	269
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	18.00 - 23.00	17.00 - 23.00	24.00-33.00	16.00 - 21.00	16.00 - 21.50	19.75-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	20.21	20.05	27.20	18.30	17.83	21.49
Volume Traded	1,124	1,488	1,122	2,018	3,582	2,025
Volume Exported	1,044	1,408	922	490	979	184
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	16.00	16.00	21.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	16.00	16.00	21.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	82	80
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Nov 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2008	Nov 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2008
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	20.00	24.00	18.41	18.69	24.28
Volume Traded	-	80	322	1,502	1,292	1,443
Volume Exported	-	-	160	-	-	220
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	19.97	18.85	26.34	17.60	16.94	19.96
Volume Traded	5,805	7,276	5,394	12,716	13,396	11,870
Volume Exported	5,205	6,435	4,961	1,754	2,733	1,921
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	16.67	17.00	21.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	367	328	366
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

